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NOTICE TO FIREWOOD VENDORS

All wood for fuel shall be offered for sale or sold at retail in the manner provided in this paragraph, except for any sale of unpackaged wood for fuel if the wood was observed by the buyer or his agent before sale.

Definitions:

- a) Wood for fuel means any kindling, logs, boards, timbers or other wood, split or not split, and similar products advertised, offered for sale or sold in a form or size appropriate for use as fuel.
- b) Cord means the amount of wood which is contained in a space of 128 cubic feet, when the wood is ranked and well stowed. The dimensions for a standard cord of wood are four feet in height, eight feet in width, and four feet in depth and shall be stated whenever the term is used.
- c) Face cord means the front or face of a standard cord, i.e., four feet in height and eight feet in width, and the depth being defined by the length of the cut wood expressed in inches. The dimensions shall be stated whenever the term face cord is used in any representation.
- d) Ranked and well stowed means the placing of pieces of wood in a row, with individual pieces touching and parallel to each other, and stacked in a compact manner.
- e) Representation means any advertisements, offering or invoice that pertains to the sale of wood for fuel.

Identity:

- a) No representation of wood for fuel shall identify as "hardwood" the wood from any species of conifer, aspen, poplar, basswood, butternut, willow, grey birch, and paper birch.
- b) If wood is represented as seasoned, the length of time and the manner of seasoning must be specified.

Quantity:

- a) Whenever wood for fuel is advertised, offered for sale, or sold at retail, the three dimensions of the wood, when ranked and well stowed, shall be stated and shall be expressed in feet and inches. The dimensions may be accompanied by any descriptive word, such as cord, face cord, truckload, rack, etc. For example:
 - 1) 4 ft. x 8 ft. x 24 in. (1/2 cord);
 - 2) 4 ft. x 8 ft. x 16 in. (face cord);
 - 3) 4 ft. x 8 ft. x 18 in. (rack);
 - 4) 9 ft. x 9 ft. x 3 ft. (truckload);
 - 5) 1/3 cord (4 ft. x 8 ft. x 16 in.); and
 - 6) face cord (4 ft. x 8 ft. x 18 in.).
- b) Processed wood, such as wood chips, pelletized wood and shavings, shall be sold by weight or volume.
- c) Packaged wood for fuel containing less than four cubic feet shall be sold by volume.
- d) A single artificial compressed fireplace log shall be sold by weight, and packages of such individual logs containing less than four cubic feet (1/32 of a cord) may be sold by net weight, plus count.

A delivery ticket, sales invoice or receipt shall be presented by the seller to the buyer whenever any unpackaged wood for fuel is sold. The delivery ticket, sales invoice or receipt shall contain the following information:

- a) the name and address of the seller;
- b) the date of the sale;
- c) the quantity or dimension of the wood sold; and
- d) the price of the quantity sold.